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| In re application of | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Tommy Constantine | : | TO MAKE SPECIAL |
| Application No. 10/809,015 | : | (ACCELERATED |
| Filed: March 25, 2004 | : | EXAMINATION) |
| For: CREDIT CARD REFERRAL METHODS | : | |

This is in response to the petition filed on February 28, 2005 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

The petition fails to adequately meet requirements (B), (D) and (E) above. In this regard, item (B) is not met because the petition fails to include an election without traverse, or a statement that applicants are willing to elect without traverse should a restriction or election be required. Regarding item (D), after completing a review of the application file no copies of the above-noted references have been located. Regarding item (E), the petition does not include a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

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